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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 7375**

**BILL NUMBER:** HB 1301

**NOTE PREPARED:** Jan 10, 2013

**BILL AMENDED:**

**SUBJECT:** Disability Benefits for Volunteers.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Rep. VanDenburgh

**BILL STATUS:** As Introduced

**FIRST SPONSOR:**

**FUNDS AFFECTED:**     **GENERAL**  
                              **DEDICATED**  
                              **FEDERAL**

**IMPACT:** Local

**Summary of Legislation:** The bill provides that a rostered volunteer of a county, municipality, or township, including a police reserve officer, is covered by the provisions of the worker's compensation and occupational disease law.

It provides that for purposes of computing compensation under the worker's compensation and occupational disease law, the average weekly wage of a rostered volunteer is:

- (1) the compensation paid to the specific employee whose job duties the rostered volunteer was performing at the time of the injury, death, or disablement; or
- (2) the compensation paid to the lowest paid employee of the county, municipality, or township, if the rostered volunteer was not performing job duties in place of a specific employee at the time of the injury, death, or disablement.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2013.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:**

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:** The worker's compensation premium costs for local units with rostered volunteers or police reserve officers could increase, as the provision of worker's compensation for these individuals would no longer be optional. The actual increase will depend on the risk-pool of the local unit.

**Explanation of Local Revenues:**

**State Agencies Affected:**

**Local Agencies Affected:** Local units with rostered volunteers or police reserve officers.

**Information Sources:**

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